

**MINUTES OF THE CARVER HEIGHTS/MONTCLAIR AREA
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012**

The Carver Heights/Montclair Area Community Redevelopment Agency held a workshop Monday, April 23, 2012, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Chairperson Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner John Christian
Commissioner Abraham Conner
Commissioner John L. Johnson
Commissioner David Knowles
Commissioner Bill Polk
Chair Person Sanna Henderson

Also present were City Manager (CM) Jay Evans, City Clerk (CC) Betty Richardson, City Attorney (CA) Fred Morrison, Chris Edwards, Community Redevelopment Coordinator (CRC), and others.

Commissioner Polk gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioner Puckett arrived at 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED THE MARCH 26, 2012 MINUTES

Commissioner Knowles moved to approve the March 26, 2012 Minutes and Commissioner Polk seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Conner	Yea
Commissioner Johnson	Yea
Commissioner Polk	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Chair Person Henderson	Yea

Seven yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

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APPROVED RESOLUTION 47 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT AMONG LAKE COUNTY AND WEST LEESBURG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BERRY PARK.

Commissioner Polk introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows

A RESOLUTION OF THE CARVER HEIGHTS/MONTCLAIR AREA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT AMONG LAKE COUNTY AND WEST LEESBURG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CARVER HEIGHTS/MONTCLAIR AREA, AND THE CITY OF LEESBURG FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BERRY PARK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Polk moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

CRA Coordinator/Project Manager Chris Edwards reviewed that Lake County solicited applicants for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). A proposal was submitted to Lake County by the West Leesburg Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Carver Heights/Montclair Area community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The Lake County CDBG review committee has recommended a grant award in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of enhancing Berry Park.

Based on neighborhood meetings and visioning workshops with key community members improvements were prioritized which include the following 1) Large fully equipped Pavilion and 2) playground equipment.

The large pavilion will be constructed as a multi-purpose area for activities such as; community picnics, events, family gatherings, and a central meeting point for neighborhood cleanup events. Playground equipment includes: slide, swing set and jungle gym. The park currently lacks the variety of facilities required to properly engage children and sustain their interest over long-term period of time. This would help meet the CDC, CRA and City's goal to provide increased opportunities for the youth of the neighborhood to lead active lives by allowing access to activities, both organized and unstructured, designed to improve the fitness of the neighborhood.

If awarded the CRA must match \$75,000 of funding for the project which is available in the Carver CRA 2008 revenue note.

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Coordinator Edwards reviewed location of the equipment and confirmed it would be only the large pavilion and there were no permanent restrooms at the site, only the portable restroom units. He noted in the future phase there will be a modular restroom, but those were not in these plans. He said he hopes to start construction next year. He confirmed that adequate electrical outlets will be installed and they will try to be as green as they can and stay within the funds. He stated he will provide the final site layout plans to the Commission when they were completed.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Polk	Yea
Commissioner Connor	Yea
Commissioner Johnson	Yea
Chair Person Henderson	Yea

Seven yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Christian said there was a “Stop the Madness” event this past weekend. Mrs. Berry stated she was pleased to report the event was a success with well-planned programs and was well attended. She added the boxing match was a huge success and the scholarship fund looked good. She expressed her appreciation for the City’s support.

Commissioner Johnson stated he was pleased to see the street lines were in place adding that they were a help.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Knowles moved to adjourn and Commissioner Polk seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Betty M. Richardson
City Clerk

Betty M. Richardson, City Clerk
Recorder